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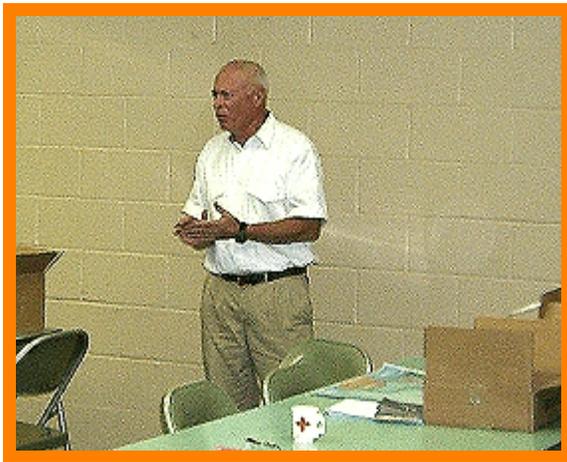


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FROM THE PREZ



Tom KP2VI giving his talk

Thanks to the 27 members who attended our October meeting. Good meeting with a very popular presentation from our newest member Tom Price, KP2VI. Also welcome to another new member Fred Doob, K8PP.

I second Tom, WB8N's thanks to the 14 members who helped at the America's Walk for Diabetes event on October 7. It was a very successful event again this year for the American Diabetes Association & CARS.

Our 50/50 winner was Gary NI8Z, with \$28.00 each for both CARS and Gary. Congratulations Gary it's been a long dry spell.

Please order your Christmas/Holiday Party tickets as soon as possible. The entertainment, awards and food have been arranged, all that's left is for you to get your tickets. Contact Tina, W8HBI

at 216-520-2621 or go to www.2cars.org and click on the link for the party. As usual CARS is selling tickets for 50% of what the party costs to thank the membership and provide an evening of fellowship and fun at a very low cost.

As I write this I am not sure if we will have a December WO, most years we do not, so I am taking this opportunity to thank all of my committee members for their work in 2006 and wish everyone a Great Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas/Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year.

The next CARS meeting is November 14 please come out and VOTE for your 2007 officers.

That's it for another WO. This month's thoughts: *Too bad all the people who know how to run this country are busy running taxicabs or cutting hair. George Burns (1896-1996)*

73, de Bob
W8GC



OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting of the Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society was called to order by president Bob Check, W8GC, at 7:32 PM, on October 10th, 2006. The meeting was held at the Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, Ohio. The meeting started with twenty-four C.A.R.S. members and two guests introducing themselves.

Ron, K8VJG, moved; and Terry, KB8DTC, seconded approval of the September meeting minutes as presented in the October *Wobbly Oscillator*. No one present noted any corrections or additions, and the motion was approved.

Tina, W8HBI, reported the balance in the club treasury; and there were no questions from any of the members present.

Bob updated the group on the progress of the C.A.R.S.-LEARA Great Lakes Division Convention Committee. The date has been set for September 22nd, 2007; to coincide with the Cleveland Hamfest. He said sponsors were being lined up which would help defray the expenses allowing lower ticket prices. Bob announced the speakers would include ARRL president Joel Harrison, W5ZN, and Bob Heil, K9EID; and seminars by Dan Miller, K3UFG, on emergency communications; Bob Frey, WA6EZV, and Dick Arnett, WB4SUV, on direction finding; Tim Duffy, K3LR, on antennas; someone from AMSAT; and Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, John Pappy, K8YSE, and Bernie McClenny, W3UR, on DX. There will also be a Wouff Hong ceremony for ARRL members. Bob concluded by saying there are other events planned which will appear on the convention website, www.2007gldc.com.

Gary, NI8Z, announced the schedule has been set for the 2007 VE sessions at the Independence Old Town Hall. The sessions will be held on the second Sunday of the odd months during the year. He added there would be one more VE session this year on November 12th.

The C.A.R.S. liaison to the ARRL, Bill, KC8YSV, again reminded members to pay their ARRL dues through the club. He noted this year C.A.R.S. has already received sixty-one dollars in

commissions, which is ahead of the fifty-nine dollars we received in 2005.

The club gets two dollars for every renewal, and fifteen dollars from the ARRL when members pay through the club. Bill also mentioned the November meeting program will feature Scotty, WA8SLN, speaking on his camera collection he would bring in and how it relates to radio.

Dwaine, K8ME, has a friend who will also do a program in the near future on radio astronomy.

Dave, KD8V, reported on the Copley Middle School radio club. He said everything was going well, although there were not as many members as last year; but participants this year are all very interested and active. He added there are some students involved in football, who will join the group after the season. Dave also sent out cards to David Autry, WD8IOU who recently lost his grandmother, and the widow of George Tucholski, KA8JHS- SK.

Tom, WB8N thanked the members who sent in articles for the *WO*. He also thanked all those who participated in the "America's Walk For Diabetes". We had a good turnout, a successful communications endeavor, and great weather. Tom told the group that the "Tour De Cure" bicycle event will be held in Akron next year, and the local ARES group will handle communications, although they may need some volunteers to help out.

Toby, WT8O reported the nets have been going well; the participation is up in the number of check-ins, and the two new net control stations are doing a great job. He encouraged many of the members present to check in to the nets.

Dave, K8DAV reminded everyone he is keeping track of the net check-ins, and there will be a gift at the Christmas party for the station that checked in the most. He again asked for members to send in, or have him come over and take pictures of their stations for the website. He said the equipment for the repeater upgrade had been ordered and will begin arriving next week. Dave informed everyone the Brecksville site will soon be going into service, to allow the Parma repeater to be shut down to perform the equipment installation. His goal is to finish the project

before the snow makes the access roads difficult to traverse.

Gary, NI8Z, reminded everyone to sign up for the Christmas party which will be held on Saturday, December 9th. The party will be at the Independence Civic center from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. There will be a magic show, karaoke, and great food. The tickets for the party are \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children six to twelve, and children under six will be admitted free. For reservations see Tina, W8HBI, or register on the C.A.R.S. website.

Applications for two prospective members were presented to the members present; Fred Doob, K8PP, and Tom Price, KP2VI. Fred was not in attendance, but Tom was present to give a presentation on Marine Mobile operation and the Virgin Islands and had to be isolated for the secret vote. Both were voted in, and Tom was welcomed by the club. Fred generously donated electric and butane soldering equipment and a butane glue gun his company manufactures.

Nominations were held for officers and board members for the year 2007. Nominated for president was Bob Check, W8GC, Bill Savage, WA8GEO, and Henry Oswick, KD8BAO, for vice president; Tina Check, W8HBI, for treasurer; and Toby Kolman, WT8O, for secretary. For the board of directors openings for the two year term of the odd year, George Pindroh, K8KR, Gary Dewey, NI8Z, Tom Wayne, WB8N, and Terry Pillatt, KB8DTC were nominated. The elections will be held at the November monthly club meeting.

Dwaine, K8ME reported on the status of the Mather museum ship project. Progress at this point is stagnant, possibly due to the overshadowing business of the Mather becoming affiliated with the Great Lakes Science Center. Dwaine has had difficulty reaching the director of the Mather. Lin, WD8SDP who is a volunteer host on the Mather, agreed to speak with the director in an effort to improve communications.

George, K8KR reminded the group about the two upcoming contests the club would participate in; the Sweepstakes in late November, and the Ten Meter contest in early December. He offered to give a short talk at the November meeting explaining the exchanges and procedures for the

contests.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Gary, NI8Z who was able to help defray his auction purchase by pocketing twenty-eight dollars, with an equivalent amount going into the C.A.R.S. treasury.

Bill, WA8GEO, motioned to close the meeting; and Dwaine, K8ME seconded.

The C.A.R.S. October monthly meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Toby Kolman, WT8O, C.A.R.S. secretary.

Names in the News

Maine Governor John Baldacci is now **KB1NXP**, which may make him the only sitting governor holding an active ham license (New York Governor George Pataki is a former ham). The *ARRL Letter* says Baldacci has been interested in ham radio since 1998.

Chip Margelli, K7JA, for many years the "face" of Yaesu amateur radio products at hamfests around the country, has left Vertex-Standard to become Vice President of Sales and Marketing at **Heil Sound**. Margelli also appeared with Ken Miller, K6CTW, on a segment of "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" in which they sent a message in Morse code faster than the fastest text-messagers in the U.S.

Coming to **Vertex Standard** as Executive Vice President of its Amateur Sales Division is **Dennis Mostenbacher, K7BV**. Mostenbacher has been the ARRL's Sales and Marketing Manager for the past four and a half years.

**CHECK INTO THE WEDNESDAY
NIGHT NET AT 9:00 P.M. GIVE
THE TRIVIA QUESTION A SHOT !**

FCC Goes After Vanity Call "Frequent Filers"

The FCC has told two hams, one in Virginia and one in California, that they appear to be abusing the vanity call sign system. In each case, the ham had requested one call, held it for a period of time, then requested another before cancelling that call sign and switching back to the first one. FCC letters noted that their actions prevented anyone else from applying for either call for two years, something that "appears to be an abuse of Commission processes." They were each asked to explain their multiple filings and to "indicate which call sign you wish to retain." No word on whether the call given up will then immediately be put back into the pool of available call signs.

ARRL WESTERN PA SECTION CONVENTION - RIP

Just two days after hosting the ARRL Western Pennsylvania Section Convention on September 10th, the Butler County Amateur Radio Association has voted to throw in the towel and get out of the hamfest business. The main reason, cited in the September issue of the club's newsletter, is a lack of member involvement.

Kevin Berry, KF4RMA who edits the club's bulletin told the ARRL Letter that the few dependable workers have burned out. Berry, who also serves as club treasurer also took on tasks this year as hamfest vendor chairman, parking chairman, treasurer and flyer preparation, among others. According to the newsletter, fewer than one-quarter of the club's 80 members pitched in to make the hamfest happen this year, and nearly all of those people handled multiple duties during the event.

The September 10 gathering at the Butler County Farm Show Fairgrounds was the club's 29th annual hamfest.

Editors' note...Too bad... that hamfest was always regarded as one of the best!.

2007 DUES

It's that time of year again. Regular Membership Dues are \$20.00 per year. If you are over 60 years of age the yearly dues is \$12.00. Membership entitles you to full access to our 2m and 70cm repeaters, voting rights, and a monthly subscription to our club newsletter, the Wobbly Oscillator. For those who wish it, the newsletter can be sent to them via e-mail. If you need user name and password for the password protected areas of the website please e-mail the CARS website.

You can pay your dues at a upcoming meeting or send it to the address below:

CARS
P.O. Box 31264
Independence, OH
44131-0264

INDUSTRY NEWS: HEIL PR 40 MIC CAPTURES HOLLYWOOD (from AR News Online)

The sounds of the cannons and guns in the new Clint Eastwood World War 2 epic movie, "Flags of our Fathers" were captured by several Heil PR 40 dynamic microphones. Microphones designed by ham Radio's own "Mr. Audio." Bob Heil, K9EID.

Directed by Clint Eastwood and produced by Steven Spielberg, "Flags of our Fathers" recalls February 1945, when one of the bloodiest battles of World War. The battle in the Pacific with the Japanese on the island of Iwo Jima. It culminated with an allies win and the raising of the American flag by five Marines and a Navy Corpsman on top of Mount Suribachi.

Charles Maynes was the location sound engineer for the movie. He was quoted as saying that the Heil PR-40 mic was chosen because of its ability to handle loud sources remarkably well and its off axis rejection. This, says Maynes, makes it a tremendous tool for his effects recording.

Maynes is not the only Hollywood professional to adopt the PR-40. A number of Southern California radio and television stations are also using the PR-40 because of the microphones ability to handle a wide range of sound levels while maintaining the true quality of the audio. The PR-40 has also become a favorite among radio amateurs, world wide.

Bob Heil, K9EID will be a featured speaker at the Great Lakes Convention in Sept. 2007, in Independence Ohio, sponsored by CARS and LEARA....Ed.

RUN - DON'T WALK TO SIGN UP FOR THE CARS 2006 CHRISTMAS PARTY!

I hope everyone had a good year. Now it's time to
P. A. R. T. Y

The annual CARS Holiday Party, will be on Saturday, December 9th 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. The event is being catered by Boston Market: Rotisserie Chicken, Roasted Sirloin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Cinnamon Apples & Corn Bed. Also Augies Pizza & Ribs is providing Lasagna and Meatless Rigatoni. We are asking our guests to please bring their favorite desserts to share. Zap the magician will be doing strolling magic and a show after dinner. Jack W8JAK has been confirmed as the Karaoke Man

Awesome Gifts and Awards will also be handed out at this event.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for ages 6 to 12 yrs old and under 5 yrs old is free. To get your ticket call Tina at 216-524-7711 (days) or 216-520-2621 (evenings). Or just buy them at the next meeting !!

**GET YOUR 2007 DUES IN AS
SOON AS YOU CAN!**

CARS NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 1 Club Net 146.82 @ 9:00 pm
November 4-6 ARRL Sweepstakes CW
November 8 Club Net 146.82 @ 9:00 pm
November 12 VE Session @ 9:00 am
November 14 CARS Meeting @ Busch Community Room @ 7:30 pm
November 14 Elections @ Meeting
November 15 Club Net 146.82 @ 9:00 pm
November 18-20 ARRL Sweepstakes Phone
November 22 Club Net 146.82 @ 9:00 pm
November 23 Newsletter Submission Deadline
November 24-26 CQ Worldwide CW
November 29 Club Net 146.82 @ 9:00 pm

CARS DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 1 Deadline for purchasing Holiday Party Tickets
December 1-3 ARRL 160 Meter Contest
December 6 Club Net 146.82 @ 9:00 pm
December 9 CARS Holiday Party @ Independence Civic Center 6:00 - 10:00 pm
December 9-10 ARRL 10 Meter Contest
December 13 Club Net 146.82 @ 9:00 pm
December 16-Jan 1 Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party
December 20 Club Net 146.82 @ 9:00 pm
December 22 Newsletter Submission Deadline
December 27 Club Net 146.82 @ 9:00 pm

SUBMITTED BY GARY DEWEY, N18Z

My elmer and Buddy Andy, KA1GTT, recently lost his Dad, W1HH. He shared this poem that his Dad, a WWII radio operator, wrote, and allowed as to how it'd be ok for me to share it with you.

Enjoy
K3ESE *continued.....*

"Just A Radio Operator"

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W1MQV / W1HH

Oh, I'm winning the war with a telegraph key,
Thought I as I finished a "stack".
I hope this is not all the action I see
Just wearing my pants out in back.

I idly shuffle the blanks in my hand
And glance at the five letter groups.
I think of my brother in far foreign land
Fighting up front with the troops.

I check with my watch - where the heck's my R.J.?
I'm getting as hungry as sin.
An eight hour trick is enough for the day,
And I'm practically deaf from the din.

The "trick chief" gets up from the teletype chair
And says that he has one for me.
"Get your key oiled up, get that rig on the air,
Here's a honey - a long one O.P."

My relief gets a curse on his unknowing head
For his tardiness costs me my chow.
And this is a hell of a time for a sked,
The net's QJZ about now.

But I slip on the cans and I rattle the key
And the rig is again on the air.

I give with the dits and the dahs just to see
If the station I'm calling is there.
A couple of calls and he sends "QRU?"
So I tell him I have an "O.P."
He sends me a "K" and I start a tattoo -
Pounding brass on my telegraph key!

I pass the first fifty, then wait for an sec,
While he starts the next block on the sheet. I've
found if you don't make an op break his neck
You get fewer requests to repeat.

A hundred, and fifty, and then fifty more.
She's long, I've a thousand to go.
My head's getting tired, my wrist's getting sore.
Can't use "bug" for this guy is too slow.

I'm passing a thousand, my fist is near beat,
Do I want an R.J. from T.C.?
Not a chance, Chief, you know once my sign's
on the sheet no one's sending that message but
me.

We finally clear and I send him "AR"
And get one from him with his "ack".
The look that I give my relief leaves a scar
As I grab for my hat on the rack.

Later:

I read how a shipment of arms saved a corps
Because it arrived there in time.
The corps that it saved was my brother's.
What's more,
The message that sent it was mine!

Oh, I'm fighting the war with a telegraph key
But as long as they want me I'll stay.
It may not be combat but now I can see
How a message can help save the day.

The above was written just after the "Battle of the
Bulge" in 1944.

Glossary: Ack = acknowledgement
AR = End of transmission
Bug = semiautomatic telegraph key
O.P. = Operational Priority
K = Invitation to transmit
R.J. = relief operator
QJZ = on stand by
QRU = Have you traffic for me?
T.C. = trick chief

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

KC8MRC Robert Ozog 11-6-55
WA8UFZ David Yost 11-6-52
KC8OUH Jeff Venecek 11-7-52
W8JET Michael Merriman 11-11-88
N8UIR Thomas J Powell 11-12-66
WA8ERA Lee Georgia 11-13-43
KC8ZBP Sharon Andrisin 11-22
KB8QJA Pete Gerard 11-28-35
KC8LDI Ryan Dressler 11-26

THE RANDOM WIRE

By Tom Wayne, WB8N

WELL NOW FELLOW HAMS

As I sit here writing this column for our award winning newsletter, I am listening to Mike Trivisono on broadcast radio, 1100 a.m. He's ranting and raving about politics today. All I can say is, GET OUT AND VOTE! I don't care if you are a Republican or a Democrat...do your duty and VOTE!

BOO!

It is Halloween night as I sit here at the computer. I'm getting ready to put on my costume and hand out candy to the little trick-or-treaters when they ring the door bell. I plan on visiting a couple select neighbors in my costume to see what kind of treat they can give me after the kids are done. Hopefully it will be a "cold one".

WHERE OH WHERE DID IT GO?

Wow! The year really went by quickly this year. At least for me it did. We have our election meeting coming up this month and in December our holiday party! Geeze....pretty soon it will be time for Dayton already! CARS had a pretty good year I think. We were successful with our public service projects, the school club is going well, thanks to Dave Dressler and the other members who are assisting in that effort. We had a successful Field Day this year again, and we who took part in that really enjoyed ourselves. Let's look forward to another successful year of hamming!

PUBLIC SERVICE

CARS only does a couple of public service events each year and they are for the Cleveland Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. We do the Tour de Cure in June for them and we did the America's Walk for Diabetes this past month. I want to publicly thank the following who came out for the Walk event: Bob Check, W8GC; Mike & Mary Cegelsky, K8EHP & KC8YLC; Toby Koleman, WT8O; "Buffalo Jim" Glor, N8GXR; Linda & Metro Sinko, N8LRS & W8MET; Dave Dressler, KD8V; Frank (Terry) Pillat, KB8DTC; Dick Enguam, KA8EEW; Bob Winston, W2THU; Alex Manuk, WD8JMM; and last but not least, Mike Balough, KB8UGT. We could not have pulled off

our part of the event without ALL of you! The Cleveland Chapter of the American Diabetes Assn. greatly appreciates our efforts and really appreciates our participation. We will be doing the walk again next year.

This year's event went better than the previous years that we have been doing the event. The Diabetes Assn. is finally getting it together and I feel that this year, the walk went off without a glitch; at least as far as we were concerned.

Again...thanks to all that took part in this worthwhile event.

TTFN

Well, that's about it for this month folks. Gotta go greet those little goblins and gremlins who are gonna be knocking on the door for a treat. Don't forget to get your reservations in for the holiday party. Catch you on the air or at the meeting.

73 for now,

de Tom, WB8N

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